(a) whether it is a fact that India has very few doctors who specialize in treating patients suffering from infectious diseases (ID) though 48 per cent of deaths in the country are caused by such diseases like tuberculosis, typhoid, right down to the recent Swine Flu;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether it is also a fact that none of the 20 odd medical colleges in the country offer a degree course in infectious diseases; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) No. The treatment of infectious diseases does not require specialization. The Medical Graduates (MBBS Doctors) are qualified to treat infectious diseases including tuberculosis, typhoid and swine flu. The Medical doctors posted in various Hospitals/Health Centres are given training/orientation from time to time to update their knowledge and skills. Continuous medical education (CME) and updates help the doctors to manage the cases.

(c) Yes.

(d) As mentioned in reply to (a) and (b) above, the Medical Graduates (MBBS Doctors) are fully qualified to treat infectious diseases with continuous medical education.

Nursing college in Chhattisgarh

†1291. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal from the State Government of Chhattisgarh along with detailed project report for setting up 'Nursing College' in Jagdalpur and 'Centre for Excellence' in Raipur have been received; and

(b) if so, the status of the proposal including grant, if any?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Although the State Government of Chhattisgarh has forwarded the proposal for setting up of Nursing College in Jagdalpur and Centre for Excellence in Raipur but the same can not be considered for release of grant as there is no approved scheme in this regard, at present.

Health survey in EAG States

1292. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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